



Oil Pad Complex
Southern Area Type 2 Incident
Management Team
Tuesday, June 21, 2011 8:00 PM
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**Fire
Information:**

**Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.**

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm>
www.inciweb.org

Current Status	<p>The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,524 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Overall, the containment of the fires is 85 percent.</p> <p>Today, firefighters continued to keep the fires within the perimeters using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals, such as the Florida Panther and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers. In addition, crews were able to fully contain the Little Fire. The total number of active fires is now six.</p>		
Planned Events	<p>Unneeded personnel and equipment will begin to be released Wednesday in preparation for a Type 3 organization. The remaining resources will continue to ensure the fires stay within their current perimeters and scout for new fires that may have started from today's storms.</p>		
Fire	Estimated acreage	Percent Containment	Start Date
Oil Pad	3,149	85	June 13
North	5,878	85	June 13
Bundschu South	1,408	85	June 13
Kissimmee Billie	22	85	June 13
Corral	61	85	June 16
Green	5	85	June 17
Little	1	100	June 19
Number of Personnel	198		
Equipment	Two large, one medium and two small helicopters, six engines.		
Cooperators	Florida Div. of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Fla. and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.		
Restrictions and Closures	<p>A temporary flight restriction is in place for an 11 mile radius up to 3,000 feet. The center of the flight restriction is located at 26° 06' 55" N and 81° 13' 38" W, near the intersection of highway I-75 and Turner River Road.</p> <p>Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry activity. Due to the Oil Pad Fire Complex an emergency closure is in effect for the Bear Island Unit. This closure consists of the following trails and access points: Bear Island Access from Turner River Road, and Walk in access points, which includes -- Bear Island Grade from Hwy 29 and mile marker 70 along I-75. This closure encompasses all of the trails and the Bear Island Campground. All backcountry activity, including hiking and biking is restricted. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in effect.</p>		
Fire Weather	<p>Partly cloudy with increasing cloudiness and 30% chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be hot from 95 to 98 degrees and humidity of 40 to 45 percent. Winds will come from the east 5 to 8 mph. East and west coast sea breezes will develop, with merging of the two sea breezes expected to be over the western portions of the burn complex.</p>		

